

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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April 10, 2001

FROM: DOUG HALLEN
Interim Public Health Program Administrator

SUBJECT: GRANT APPLICATION FOR EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION: Approve submission of a grant application by the Department of Public Health to the California Department of Health Services, Office of AIDS, in the amount of \$251,500 for the Early Intervention Program for Fiscal Year 2001-02.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Since 1983, San Bernardino County has reported over 2,700 cases of AIDS. The California Department of Health Services provides funding to local health jurisdictions to provide AIDS related services through an annual Master Grant Agreement (MGA). The MGA identifies individual program Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) that detail the work plans and funding levels for each of the individual programs and establishes their execution. These programs are: HIV antibody counseling and testing; AIDS case surveillance; Neighborhood Intervention Geared to High-risk Testing (NIGHT) outreach program; AIDS education and prevention; and the Early Intervention Program (EIP).

San Bernardino County first received EIP funding from the California Department of Health Services in FY 1989-90. At that time, the funds were passed through a grant with the County of Riverside. Since FY 1993-94, however, San Bernardino County has been awarded EIP funds directly from the State. The EIP provides outpatient medical services to persons living with HIV/AIDS who are still in the early stages of the disease. Services include medical evaluation, laboratory services, education to reduce the risk of HIV transmission, and individual counseling on health related needs, including medication compliance.

This action requests approval of an EIP grant application in the amount of \$251,500 for FY 2001-02. This funding will support an average monthly caseload of 64 clients. Counseling and education will also be provided to at-risk partners and family members. Services will continue to be provided at the Department clinic sites in Ontario, San Bernardino and Hesperia. There are no immediate plans to increase or decrease services.

If approved, this funding will become a separate MOU under the Master Grant Agreement for FY 2001-02. Typically, all MOUs are received at the same time; however, in the last two years the State has released them intermittently. The AIDS Program staff are currently preparing applications for AIDS case surveillance, AIDS education and prevention and Neighborhood Intervention Geared to High Risk Testing. MOUs will be prepared subsequent to the approval of the applications. Upon receipt of the MOUs, they will be forwarded to the Board for approval and signature. After all MOUs are approved, the Department will then return to the Board for approval of the Master Grant Agreement for FY 2001-02, which will only be amended if at least one MOU has been granted with an increase or decrease in funding.

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This item is being brought before the Board at this time as notification from the State was not received until March 16, 2001. The application deadline was April 9, 2001. As noted in the Department's memo to the Board dated 28 March 2001, the Department of Public Health has submitted the application pending, and contingent upon, approval by the Board of Supervisors in order to meet this deadline.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This contract has been reviewed by Sue Nash, Deputy County Counsel and Gary Morris, Administrative Analyst, County Administrative Office.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of this application requires no local County cost. Based on prior funding levels, expenditures and revenues in the amount of \$251,500 were included in the Department of Public Health's proposed FY 2001-02 budget. Expenditures are fully reimbursed by the State. The Department will return to the Board for approval of the Master Grant Agreement for FY 2001-02

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Doug Hallen, Interim Public Health Program Administrator